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SUBJECT: CHATTI SEES NIXON IMPEACHMENT UNLIKELY:

AND USG MID EAST POLICY UNAFFECTED

1. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TUNIS ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AS-SABAH JULY 31, FON MIN CHATTI WAS ASKED ABOUT EFFORTS TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT NIXON, AND WHETHER HIS POSSIBLE DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE WOULD IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST. AFTER DECLINING TO ANSWER ON GROUND IT NOT HIS BUSINESS, CHATTI SAID "THIS IS A DOMESTIC UNITED STATES MATTER AND I DO NOT WISH TO EXPRESS AN OPINION... HOWEVER I BELIEVE PRESIDENT NIXON'S DISMISSAL IS VERY UNLIKELY. IT CONSTITUTES A DANGER FOR THE UNITED STATES ITSELF. BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS, THE POLICY WHICH PRES NIXON FORMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE POLICY OF AMERICA, AND I BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RESPECT ITS OBLIGATIONS WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE. IN ANY CASE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL THE END OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL TERM."

2. QUESTION WAS FINAL ONE IN LONG INTERVIEW DEVOTED TO CHATTI'S RECENT FAR EAST TRIP AND CURRENT INTER-ARAB POLITICS, REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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